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JMF Closure Update

The MDOC fully intends to move forward with the closure of the Southern Michigan Correctional Facility (JMF) and the 7 Block of the Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center (RGC) by July 1.

The prisoner population at JMF has decreased through attrition by approximately 195 inmates since the closing announcement was made. Medical staff is in the process of assessing the appropriate medical needs of the remaining JMF inmates, and expect assessments to be completed around June 1. Staff is working to assure appropriate placement of inmates to match their medical and custody needs.

There are many steps in the closure process, many of which are underway. For instance:

1. The prisoner store has begun winding down and

additional inventory will not be purchased;

2. C-pod of administrative segregation was permanently closed on May 12;

3. C-pod in 4 Block was permanently closed the week of May 14. The pod's equipment and furnishings are being dismantled for use in other locations.

4. JMF's equipment inventory has been completed;

5. MSI will be transferred to SMT by June 18;

6. JMF's school programs will be closed by June 22.

Work with various unions and NERE's continues, with the goal of minimizing the effects of the closure on staff.

We will continue to provide updates on the progress of the closing of Southern Michigan Correctional Facility and the 7 Block of Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center in future editions of **F.Y.I.**

Officers' Banquet a 'Night to Shine'



"This is one of the times when I am truly proud to be part of the Department of Corrections," said Director Patricia L. Caruso as she looked around the Kellogg Center ballroom. It was teeming with corrections officers, MDOC staff members, family members and

friends. "We're all here to celebrate a group of people who I believe have some of the toughest jobs around, yet they do them with tremendous skill and dedication. Tonight is their night to shine."

The reason for the revelry was the Corrections Officer of the Year Appreciation Banquet and Awards Presentation, held on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing. Officer of the year nominees from throughout the department and the 2007 Officer of the Year Steve Houck were recognized for their service to the department.

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MDOC Director Patricia L. Caruso, 2007 Corrections Officer of the Year Steve Houck, Carson City Correctional Facility Warden Tom Bell.

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Montgomery Wins MDOC 2006 Director's Award



Director Patricia L. Caruso, 2006 Director's Award winner Michael Montgomery, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm.

Congratulations to Leadership Training Coordinator Michael Montgomery, who recently received a Professional Excellence Award and is the winner of the 2006 Director's Award for his outstanding dedication and work in the leadership development unit.

Montgomery was surprised with the announcement of his awards at a videoconference with Governor Jennifer M. Granholm during the annual Wardens' meeting.

He is a 20-year veteran of the department, having worked at Thumb Correctional Facility in a variety of capacities. He joined the central office training staff in 2000, and has helped countless staff members develop and sharpen their leadership skills.

"Mike's work has had a positive impact on literally thousands of department employees," said Director Patricia L. Caruso. "He has devoted countless hours to becoming an expert and remaining current in leadership, classroom facilitation and motivation."

Montgomery's work is not only recognized by management but also by his peers, many of whom expressed support of his selection for the awards.

"Mike displays all of the traits necessary for successful public speaking/motivation and I would stack him up against any professional speaker I've heard," said Training Coordinator Jeff Ferris.

"Mike lives the leadership principles every day. He knows that leadership is about relationships and communicating to your staff that you care," said Bill Hudson, Training Administrator. "He has probably influenced more staff toward positive change than anyone in the department."

"I am routinely amazed at the outstanding caliber of our men and women and their ability to persevere in the face of almost continual adversity," Montgomery said. "To be chosen from among them is one of the greatest honors I could imagine."

The Director's Professional Excellence Awards are given annually to employees who are considered exceptional in their job performance. The Director's Award is given to one employee from among those selected for the Professional Excellence Awards.

In both cases nominees are reviewed by the appropriate Executive Policy Team member, then submitted to the entire Executive Policy Team for the final vote.



Montgomery joined the Wardens for a videoconference with Governor Granholm, not knowing he was really there to receive awards.

In Memoriam

A display was set up at the Corrections Officer Appreciation Banquet to commemorate MDOC employees killed in the line of duty:



Doris Taylor

Thumb Correctional Facility – May 17, 1998

Tammy Sperle

Huron Valley Men's Facility – Feb. 5, 1996

Jack Budd

State Prison of Southern Michigan – Dec. 27, 1987

Josephine McCallum

State Prison of Southern Michigan – March 24, 1987

Earl DeMarse

Marquette Branch Prison – Sept. 25, 1973

Joseph D. Crater

State Prison of Southern Michigan – March 31, 1967

Max H. Hinckley

State Prison of Southern Michigan – March 31, 1967

Bernard Fancher

State Prison of Southern Michigan – April 28, 1960

Fred Boucher

State Prison of Southern Michigan – Nov. 5, 1939

Dr. A.W. Hornbogen

Marquette Branch Prison – Aug. 27, 1931

Deputy Warden Fred Menhennett

Marquette Branch Prison – Dec. 12, 1921

Warden T.B. Catlin

Marquette Branch Prison – Jan. 26, 1922

Michigan Corrections Association Conference Set

The Michigan Corrections Association's 2007 summer conference, "The State Budget and MPRI (Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative): Influencing the Direction of Corrections," is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on June 15 at the Michigan State Police Academy in Lansing.

For MDOC employees who attend, seven hours of training credit has been approved by the Administrator of the Office of New Employee Training and Professional Development. Employees who are approved to go will be considered to be on administrative leave.

Unfortunately, due to the continuing budget constraints facing state government, reimbursement will not be provided for registration or travel expenses nor is the use of state vehicles permitted.

Registration is \$35 for association members, \$45 for non-members and \$55 if you wish to become a member. The price covers attendance, continental breakfast, lunch and a mid-afternoon snack.

The pre-registration deadline for guaranteed inclusion in the conference is **June 6**. On-site registration will also be available.

Banquet, *continued from page 1*

Director Caruso expressed pride in how well the Michigan Corrections Organization and the staff work together, noting that such strong collaborations are not the case in every state. MCO President Tom Tylutki read the Governor's declaration, designating May 6-12 as Corrections Officer Week in the state of Michigan. Senator Alan Cropsey presented Houck with a tribute for his achievement.

2007 Corrections Officer of the Year Appreciation and Awards Banquet



RUO Steve Houck (Carson City) and wife Amy (I.), State Representative Judy Emmons.



CTO Tim Wolford (FOA Region I), Regional Administrator Dinah Moore.*



C/O Mary Hocking (Muskegon), Director Patricia L. Caruso.



C/O LaRona Sullivan, Warden Clarice Stovall, RUO Amy Lucier, Lt. Juanita Lee (Scott).



C/O Anthony Bricco, Warden Jeri-Ann Sherry (Straits).*



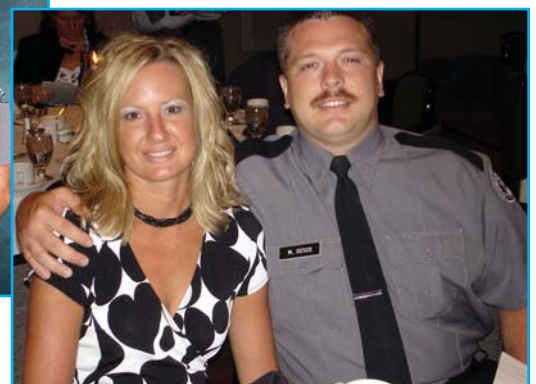
(clockwise from top c.) Corrections Security Representative John Blackman (FOA Region II), Acting Regional Administrator Michael Alexander, ARU Supervisor Peggy Patten, Blackman's wife Phyllis and family members Domonique Holmes and Marwin Boyd.



CFA Region II Administrator Ray Wolfe, RGC Records Office Supervisor Kathy Wolfe, Former Warden Luella Burke.



Warden John Prelesnik and RUO Greg Sipka (Handlon).*



C/O Michael Desco and wife Jennifer (Pine River).

(*Special thanks to Tim Burke (MDOT) and Sacha Crowley (MCO) for additional photos!)

2007 Corrections Officer of the Year Appreciation and Awards Banquet



*Director Patricia L. Caruso addresses the audience.**



*RUO Thomas Burke, Deputy Warden C.C. Brown-Brandon (Egeler).**



*RUO Steve Houck receives tribute from Sen. Alan Cropsey.**



Guest Linda Larry, Warden Harold White, C/O Steven Hunter, ADW Gregory Skipper (Parnall).



*RUO Steve Houck accepting the 2007 Corrections Officer of the Year Award.**



*MCO President Tom Tylutki, CFA Deputy Director Dennis Straub, MCOTC Chair Elizabeth Foley, Director Patricia L. Caruso, Warden Nick Ludwick (Egeler).**



*(seated): C/O Gary and RUO LaRhonda Perkins (HVC-Women).
(standing): family members Gaye White, Teneisha Gill, Sylvia Gill.*

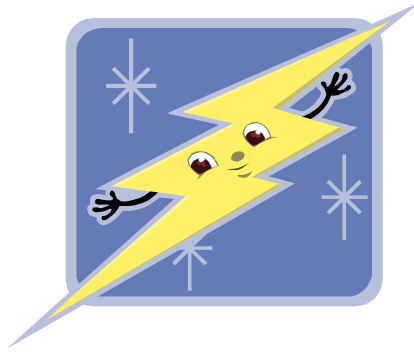


Academy HRD Tina Moore, Acting ARUS Joseph Leahy (HVC-Men).



*Warden Willie Smith, C/O Lynda Lemke (Ionia Max).**

MDOC Energy Extras



Extra #4: Reduce Water and Sewer Rates

Water and sewer rate increases are two of our fastest growing utility expenses. We have a wide range of equipment and furnishings which use water. The sewer billing is typically done based on the amount of water sold or used at a facility. A reduction on water use will usually also lower the sewer costs.

We have many methods to curb water use. One is metering the volume of water used for watering grass, plants, ice rinks, etc. When water is used and it seeps into the ground or evaporates instead of going into the sewer system, it should not be on the sewer bill.

The volume of water used can also be reduced by complete plumbing fixture changes, or with device changes on the current fixtures. Installing flow restrictors for kitchen sprayers, aerators, shower heads, toilets, urinals, etc., is easy. The changes are not expensive to make and usually take only a few minutes to complete.

Toilets have cheap alterations available which can reduce the volume of water needed, yet allow them to function properly. A toilet with a pressurized flush device should be timed. Once the valve is opened, every second uses about a half gallon of water. If the valve is open for seven seconds or longer, a cap can be inserted into the valve which will reduce the volume of water used. Usually the water use is lowered from a 3.5-gallon flush to 2.75 gallons. It doesn't seem like much, but when multiplied by the amount of uses per toilet and then by the amount of facilities it becomes a very big savings.

The Central Office Physical Plant has many water and sewer savings recommendations available. If you have any questions, please contact them at 517-373-4471, or email to Jerry Elmlad at Elmlajr@Michigan.gov.

Employees Wanted for Special Olympics Activities

Thousands of Special Olympians will converge on Mt. Pleasant for the 2007 Special Olympics State Summer Games, scheduled for May 31 – June 2 at Central Michigan University. The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) is gearing up for a series of activities leading up to and including the games, and is looking for volunteers from every aspect of law enforcement to participate in or attend.

Law Enforcement officials will be lighting the "Flame of Hope" on the west steps of the Capitol building on the morning of May 31. Uniformed officers representing all of our agencies are needed to gather behind the dignitaries for the lighting, a press conference, and to send the athletes on their way to the Games. Many more LETR members will be in the audience. Line up will begin at 7:30 a.m. Parking will need to be in one of the public lots or ramps in the downtown area.

Once the Torch is lit it will be passed to selected LETR members who will then run it in relay fashion to Mt. Pleasant, arriving at the crowded stadium later that evening to officially open the Summer Games.

For more information:

- on participating in the Capitol/Lansing Torch Lighting Ceremony in uniform, contact Sgt. Kevin Sweeney, MSP, sweeneyk@michigan.gov.
- about the relay run from Lansing to Mt. Pleasant, contact F/Lt John Card, MSP, CardJ@michigan.gov.
- about participating in the Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies on the evening of May 31, contact Sgt. Tom Fiero, (ret.), Jackson County, generalfiero@yahoo.com.
- on volunteering with the LETR during the Summer Games, contact Jill Schumacher, Special Olympics Michigan, jill.schumacher@cmich.edu or call 800-644-6404.

State Employee Appreciation Week

Got any State Employee Appreciation Week photos to share? Please send them in (don't forget the names and titles to go along with those shining faces!). Here are a few shots from an employee cookout at Central Office.



(far left): Director Patricia L. Caruso, Administrative Assistant Heidi Washington and FOA Senior Executive Management Assistant Jill Powers dish up ice cream and brownies. (left): Student assistant Monica McCarthy stops for mustard as FOA Administrative Assistant Russ Cilibrise takes care of the ice.

(right): MSI Meat Processing Assistant Superintendent Tom Adler, CFA Deputy Director Dennis Straub, OSA Administrator Gary Manns and FOA Deputy Director John Rubitschun man the grill. (far right): PCD Deputy Director Dennis Schrantz serves OSA Executive Secretary Sue Mulford.



Promotions Through May 5

PAROLE PROBATION MANAGER-2

HAINS, KEVIN M

FOA REGION III

PAROLE/PROBATION OFFICER-E

BADIC, SEMIR

FOA REGION III

ORMSBEE, TODD M

FOA REGION III

RESIDENT UNIT OFFICER-E

UNOLD, TIMOTHY P

CRANE

Vinni's Children's Charity Golf Outing Planned

It's almost time for the 5th annual Vinni's Children's Charity Golf outing. It is scheduled for Friday, June 8 at the Fieldstone golf club in Auburn Hills. Registration begins at 11 a.m. and the event will kick off with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Proceeds will benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit.

The cost to participate is \$110 per golfer or \$440 per foursome, if registration is done by May 30. This covers the 18-hole scramble, several contests, range balls, practice facility and lunch. For more information about the event contact MSI Sales and Marketing Manager Cary Adragna at (248) 821-8007 or (517) 241-6288.

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